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MOTORING IN MAINE



ARTIST'S BRIDGE, NEAR BETHEL

PROBABLY nowhere can the motorist find in the same limited distance such a variety of ever changing scenery as in Maine. Along the sea coast, old ocean hurls its ponderous waves against the embattled rocks with such mighty force that the noise of the impact sounds like the boom of cannon or the roll of distant thunder, with the spray rising like clouds of liquid pearls, then suddenly the vista changes to a beautiful beach with the gentle waves lapping the silvery sand with distant isles here and there looking like sapphires in an emerald setting.

Then again there are the lakes, rivers and mountains of the interior. Nowhere can there be found a more enchanting scene than to ride along the shores of some of the beautiful lakes with their wooded slopes and the azure sky reflected in their placid waters, or view from some hilltop or mountain the vast panorama of forest, broken ever and anon with innumerable lakes and winding rivers and dotted now and then with farm house or village.

GOOD ROADS

During the past few years Maine has expended more than \$20,000,000 on her roads, many of them of the highest type of construction, concrete and bituminous macadam, but when this type of construc-

tion was impracticable or too expensive beautiful gravel roads have been built which offer the finest riding in the summer. The system has been so designed as to reach practically all of the seashore, lake and mountain resorts and make easily accessible all the scenic sections of the State. All the roads are excellently marked with color bands so there is almost no possibility of losing one's way. Maine's highway laws, as well as those relating to tourists, are extremely liberal and the State does everything in its power to make the stranger welcome.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

It is of course impossible to anticipate the requirements of the individual motorist but some general suggestions may be helpful. No attempt is made to point out the many individual resorts and interesting places, describe the wonderful scenery, or lay out definite routes. These, however, can be found in the fifty-five page book published by The State of Maine Publicity Bureau called "Maine, Vacation Land The Year Round" which can be obtained free of charge from the Bureau. An enumeration of several sections of the State that will be of particular interest to the motor tourist will materially assist the visitor in formulating his plans.

THE SEASHORE

For nearly four hundred miles the Atlantic Highway follows the seashore. After crossing the inter-



SURF SCENE ON THE MAINE COAST



"I LOVE THE OCEAN"

state bridge that connects Portsmouth, N. H. with Kittery, Maine, which is the gateway from Boston and the West, one follows the shore from York Harbor fifty miles to Portland. The entire distance is one succession of tourist resorts situated on rocky promontories or sandy beaches, the most remote being but a few miles from the main highway. At Bath, thirty-six miles east of Portland, the Kennebec River is crossed on a huge ferry boat operated by the State. Ten miles beyond at Wiscasset the Sheepscot River is crossed on one of the longest bridges in Maine. Rockland on Penobscot Bay is thirty-six miles farther East. From here to Bangor, sixty-two miles, the highway follows the shores of the bay and the river of the same name. From Bangor for forty-six miles the road runs cross country to Bar Harbor. For one hundred thirty-five miles from Bar Harbor to Calais on the Canadian border the Atlantic Highway runs in close proximity to many quaint towns and villages on the coast. Days and even weeks can be spent along this section with ever increasing pleasure and delight. Calais is the southwestern gateway to St. John and Nova Scotia.

RANGELEY LAKE REGION

From ninety to one hundred and twenty miles in a northwesterly direction from Augusta and about the same distance from Lewiston is the famous Rangeley Lake and Dead River Region. There all roads end for so far no highway has penetrated the



ONE OF MAINE'S 1,580 LAKES

solemn depths of the forest primeval. In many respects it is the most remarkable country, comprised within similar area, to be found on the Continent. Here at an elevation of nearly two thousand feet equal to that of the Crawford Notch are six beautiful lakes with quaint Indian names linked together by streams and extending all together for more than fifty miles. It is a tourist's and fisherman's paradise. The State road stops here but motorists can return over good roads in a more easterly direction thru Stratton and Kingfield. In this region can be found every kind of accommodation from the log camp to the most select hotel. Not visiting this locality is like going to France and not seeing Paris.

MOOSEHEAD COUNTRY

Lying in a northwesterly direction, seventy-five miles from Bangor, is a great inland sea—Moosehead Lake—one of the most beautiful sheets of water in America. In this region is some of the most superb scenery in the Northeast. Greenville, at the foot of the lake, is the end of the State road but one can motor thru the "Big Woods" for more than forty miles over the fine private road of the Great Northern Paper Company to Ripogenus Dam, one of the highest dams in the United States the crest of which is so wide that it is used as a bridge. This dam impounds the water of one of the largest artificial lakes in the country. Kineo, located at the base of Mt.



MOOSE FEEDING ON LILY PADS

Kineo, on the eastern side of Moosehead Lake is one of the beauty spots of America. At Greenville one can put his car on one of the staunch steamers that ply these waters and land at Kineo and from there can motor thru the forest over a good road for more than forty miles. Here at Kineo, in the heart of the Maine wilderness, is one of the most palatial hotels ever built in an inland resort. There are also in this region numerous Community Camps and more moderate hotels. The fisherman and hunter and the lover of the wilderness and nature in its sublimest form here find the full realization of their most sanguine aspirations.

BELGRADE LAKES

In the very heart of the populated area of Maine some ten to twenty miles from Augusta is a beautiful chain of lakes known as Belgrade Lakes, the scenic charms of which are unsurpassed and whose shores are lined with attractive cottages, camps and hotels. Good roads nearly encircle the entire chain. The green wooded hills add to the picturesqueness and the many sandy beaches make these lakes ideal for bathing.

In some secluded cove or on some point of land projecting into the water can be found hotel or camp where one delights to rest and fish after more arduous motoring.





MOUNTAIN STREAM IN THE FOOTHILLS

SEBAGO LAKE

Sixteen miles from Portland one enters the beautiful Sebago Lake country, one of the original homes of the land locked salmon. This delightful country penetrates the very foothills of the White Mountains. A drive of ninety miles around Sebago and Highland Lakes thru the charming towns of Raymond, Naples, Harrison, Bridgton, Douglass Hill, Sebago and Standish will never be forgotten. Hotels, camps and cottages are everywhere. There are more Boys' and Girls' Camps in this region than any other similar area in the United States.

WHITE MOUNTAIN FOOTHILLS

Forty to sixty miles directly north of Portland one is in the very foothills of the White Mountains. From the hills of Norway, South Paris, Bethel, Rumford and to the West, Waterford, Lovell and Fryeburg one can get the most charming views of the Presidential Range that can be found in Maine or New Hampshire. The distance is just sufficient to lend a charm to their rugged sides and towering summits. The motorist can spend days among these hills with ever increasing pleasure and be sure of good accommodations in hotels or camps.

POLAND SPRING—SUMMIT SPRING

No motorist should leave Maine without visiting



ONE OF THE LAKES OF AROOSTOOK

these resorts. They are easy of access, being only twenty-six miles from Portland and ten miles from Lewiston.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

The motorist will be well repaid for a visit to the great agricultural and potato county of Aroostook in the extreme Northern part of the State which has truthfully been called the "Garden of Maine". Few realize that the extreme northern part of Maine in geographical location is about one hundred miles north of the city of Quebec. For the motorist Aroostook has a peculiar charm of its own. In summer the weather is ideal and the continuous fields of potatoes with their green tops and the grain waving on the hillsides makes indeed a pretty picture. For a long distance the St. John River forms the northern boundary between Maine and Canada and everywhere can be seen the concrete monuments that indicate the distance to the center of the river which is the boundary line. The valley of the St. John along the boundary is thickly settled with descendants of the Arcadians of Grand Pre, speaking almost exclusively the French language and retaining many of the customs of a century and a half ago. At Houlton, one hundred twenty-five miles north of Bangor, is one of the two gateways to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. At Madawaska is the eastern gateway to Quebec. From here one can go

over a good road to Riviere du Loup on the St. Lawrence, then follow its shore to Quebec and from there into Maine.

QUEBEC HIGHWAY AND REGION

Of late this region and highway has become very popular with the tourist and fisherman. Starting we will say at Waterville, the road follows for many miles the beautiful Kennebec River thru Skowhegan, Solon and Bingham to The Forks where the Dead River joins the Kennebec. From The Forks it continues thru the woods by Lake Parlin, thru Jackman, across the boundary and on to Quebec. This highway follows the route that the ill starred Benedict Arnold took thru the wilderness on his march to Quebec. This region clear to the boundary is noted for its excellent fishing and there are many elegant camps in the vicinity of Jackman, Lake Parlin, Lake Moxie, The Forks and Bingham. It is the most interesting and scenic route to Quebec that can be had from any part of the United State.

MOTOR CAMPING

Motor camping is another attraction of Maine touring which is being rapidly developed. There are beautiful groves of birch, spruce, and pine along the shores of hundreds of lakes and streams in the interior and at places along the coast line where one may camp out by merely obtaining the permission of the land-owners who are usually ready to grant



CAMPING IN THE MAINE WOODS



A TYPICAL MAINE HIGHWAY

this privilege. Several communities have already established regular camping sites and a list may be obtained by writing this Bureau. If one is not on an unorganized township or engaged in fishing or hunting on such land, fires for cooking may be built, unless the land-owner objects, and if fires are carefully extinguished and all litter and rubbish removed.



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MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU OFFICE

FREE INFORMATION

If there is any information that you desire in regard to tourist resorts, hotels, camps, fishing, hunting or road conditions in Maine, or routes not only in Maine but elsewhere we shall be pleased to furnish the same free on request by mail, 'phone or wire or in person at our Headquarters.



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